

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A method of stabilizing ~~stabilising~~ ester concentrates of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) by (a) ~~adding to the concentrate~~ (a) a mixture of rosemary or sage extract, ascorbyl palmitate and tocopherols to the concentrates before submitting the concentrates ~~[[it]]~~ to a standard deodorization ~~deoderisation~~ process and (b) adding a crystallization inhibitor to the concentrates before or after the deodorization ~~deoderisation~~ process.

2. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein further additives, able to prevent deterioration of PUFAs, are added to the concentrates before or after the deodorization ~~deoderisation~~ process.

3. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the ester concentrates are ethyl esters.

4. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 ~~or claim 3~~, wherein a concentrate of ethyl esters of eicosapentaenoic acid ~~[[EPA]]~~ and docosahexaenoic acid ~~[[DHA]]~~ is deodorized.

5. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 ~~[[anyone of claims 1 - 4]]~~, wherein the concentrates contain ~~concentrate contains~~ more than 50% of PUFA ethyl esters.

6. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 ~~anyone of claims 1 - 5~~, wherein 0.05 - 4.0%, ~~preferably 0.1 - 0.2%~~, of rosemary or sage extract is added.

7. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 ~~anyone of claims 1 - 6~~, wherein 0.01 - 0.04%, ~~preferably 0.025%~~, of ascorbyl palmitate is added.

8. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 ~~anyone of claims 1-7~~, wherein 0.05 - 0.5%, ~~preferably 0.2%~~, of tocopherols is added.

9. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, ~~anyone of claims 1-8~~ wherein the crystallization inhibitor is a lecithin.

10. (Currently amended): The method of claim 9 wherein 0.01% - 1.0%, ~~preferably 0.02% - 0.05%~~ of a lecithin is added.

11. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 ~~anyone of claims 2-10~~, wherein ~~in addition~~ 0.001 - 0.01%, ~~preferably 0.005%~~, of citric acid is added.

12. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 ~~anyone of claims 1-11~~, wherein vacuum steam deodorization ~~deodorisation~~ is used.

13. (Currently amended): The method of claim 12 ~~anyone of claims 1-12~~, wherein the vacuum steam deodorization is effected at a temperature between about 120°C and about 150°C at 0.1 - 10 mbar, ~~most preferably at 140°C and 1-5 mbar~~.

14. (Currently amended): Stabilized PUFA ester concentrates made by the method of claim 1 ~~which are obtained by a method according to anyone of claims 1-13~~.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently amended): A method of enriching food with PUFA esters comprising adding ~~characterized in that a~~ stabilized PUFA ester concentrates according to claim 14 ~~is added to the food~~.

17. (New): The method of claim 6, wherein 0.1 - 0.2% of rosemary or sage extract is added.

18. (New): The method of claim 7, wherein 0.025% of ascorbyl palmitate is added.

19. (New): The method of claim 8, wherein 0.2% of tocopherols is added.

20. (New): The method of claim 9 wherein 0.02% - 0.05% of a lecithin is added.

21. (New): The method of claim 11, wherein 0.005% of citric acid is added.